

MINUTES

Friday, November 12, 2021

9:30 A.M.

PRESENT: David Danner, Chairman
Jay Balasbas, Commissioner
Ann Rendahl, Commissioner

The regular meeting of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission was called to order on Friday, November 12, 2021, by Commissioner Ann Rendahl. Mark Vasconi, Director, Regulatory Services, noted a change to the agenda: Item F1, Docket UE-210759, Puget Sound Energy, Tariff Revision, has been removed from today's agenda.

E)1. Consent
00:00 mp4

Disposition: Commissioner Balasbas moved to approve the consent agenda and directs the Secretary to sign orders and/or letters necessary to affect each action. Commissioner Rendahl seconded the motion. The motion carried (2:0).

UTILITIES:

- A)1. 02:13 mp4 Docket Number UE-210792; Puget Sound Energy; Revises Tariff WN U-60, Electric Schedule 129, Low Income Program to implement a supplemental Crisis Affected Customer Assistance Program to assist low-income customers with arrearages. Benefits to electric customers are capped at \$23.7 million. The program would utilize prior years unspent Home Energy Lifeline Program funds. There is no rate impact from this filing. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Hanna Navarro, staff; Veronica Martin, Puget Sound Energy

The Commissioner's took no action, allowing Puget Sound Energy's revisions to the WN U-60 Electric Tariff G and WN U-2, Natural Gas Tariff, Schedule 129 Low Income Program to become effective November 15, 2021, by operation of law.

A)2. 02:13 mp4 Docket Number UG-210793; Puget Sound Energy; Revises Tariff WN U-2, Natural Gas Schedule 129, Low Income Program to implement a supplemental Crisis Affected Customer Assistance Program to assist low-income customers with arrearages. Benefits to natural gas customers are capped at \$10.8 million. The program would utilize prior years unspent Home Energy Lifeline Program funds. There is no rate impact from this filing. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Hanna Navarro, staff; Veronica Martin, Puget Sound Energy

The Commissioner's took no action, allowing Puget Sound Energy's revisions to the WN U-60 Electric Tariff G and WN U-2, Natural Gas Tariff, Schedule 129 Low Income Program to become effective November 15, 2021, by operation of law.

A)3. 18:05 mp4 Docket Number UT-210480; Toledo Telephone Co., Inc., The; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA; Sally Brown, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order directing the distribution of \$291,054 of \$4,850,000 from the state universal communications services program fund to the companies, no later than December 31, 2021. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)4. 18:05 mp4 Docket Number UT-210546; Inland Telephone Company; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA; Sally Brown, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order directing the distribution of \$401,899 of \$4,850,000 from the state universal communications services program fund to the companies, no later than December 31, 2021. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)5. 18:05 mp4 Docket Number UT-210575; Skyline Telecom, Inc.; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA; Sally Brown, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order directing the distribution of \$114,209 of \$4,850,000 from the state universal communications services program fund to the companies, no later than December 31, 2021. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)6. 18:05 mp4 Docket Number UT-210578; Consolidated Communications of Washington Company, LLC; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Kevin Kastor, Consolidated Communications of Washington, LLC; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA; Sally Brown, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order directing the distribution of \$1,077,515 of \$4,850,000 from the state universal communications services program fund to the companies, no later than December 31, 2021. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)7. 18:05 mp4 Docket Number UT-210579; Asotin Telephone Company; Lewis River Telephone Company, Inc.; McDaniel Telephone Co.; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA; Sally Brown, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order directing the distribution of \$73,080 for Asotin Telephone Company; \$173,032 for Lewis River Telephone Company, Inc., and \$236,864 for McDaniel Telephone Co., of \$4,850,000 from the state universal communications services program fund to the companies, no later than December 31, 2021. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)8. 18:05 mp4 Docket Number UT-210581; Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA; Sally Brown, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order directing the distribution of \$220,890 of \$4,850,000 from the state universal communications services program fund to the companies, no later than December 31, 2021. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)9. 18:05 mp4 Docket Number UT-210582; Pioneer Telephone Company; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA; Sally Brown, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order directing the distribution of \$149,271 of \$4,850,000 from the state universal communications services program fund to the companies, no later than December 31, 2021. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)10. 18:05 mp4 Docket Number UT-210583; Tenino Telephone Company; Petition to Receive Support from the Universal Communications Services Program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA; Sally Brown, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order directing the distribution of \$239,345 of \$4,850,000 from the state universal communications services program fund to the companies, no later than December 31, 2021. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)11. 18:05 mp4 Docket Number UT-210584; Hat Island Telephone Company; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA; Sally Brown, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order directing the distribution of \$1,314 of \$4,850,000 from the state universal communications services program fund to the companies, no later than December 31, 2021. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)12. 18:05 mp4 Docket Number UT-210585; Kalama Telephone Company; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services program

pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA;
Sally Brown, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order directing the distribution of \$245,324 of \$4,850,000 from the state universal communications services program fund to the companies, no later than December 31, 2021. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)13. 18:05 mp4 Docket Number UT-210586; Whidbey Telephone Company; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA;
Sally Brown, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order directing the distribution of \$782,875 of \$4,850,000 from the state universal communications services program fund to the companies, no later than December 31, 2021. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)14. 18:05 mp4 Docket Number UT-210591; St. John Telephone, Inc.; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA;
Sally Brown, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order directing the distribution of \$85,541 of \$4,850,000 from the state universal communications services program fund to the companies, no later than December 31, 2021. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)15. 18:05 mp4 Docket Number UT-210594; Hood Canal Telephone Co., Inc.; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA;
Sally Brown, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order directing the distribution of \$137,780 of \$4,850,000 from the state universal communications services program fund to the companies, no later than December 31, 2021.

Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)16. 18:05 mp4 Docket Number UT-210597; Pend Oreille Telephone Company; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA; Sally Brown, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order directing the distribution of \$356,117 of \$4,850,000 from the state universal communications services program fund to the companies, no later than December 31, 2021. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)17. 18:05 mp4 Docket Number UT-210598; Westgate Communications LLC; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA; Sally Brown, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order directing the distribution of \$103,242 of \$4,850,000 from the state universal communications services program fund to the companies, no later than December 31, 2021. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)18. 18:05 mp4 Docket Number UT-210599; Mashell Telecom, Inc.; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA; Sally Brown, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order directing the distribution of \$161,648 of \$4,850,000 from the state universal communications services program fund to the companies, no later than December 31, 2021. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

TRANSPORTATION: No Transportation items for this agenda.

OTHER: No Other items for this agenda.

RECESSED: No Recessed items for this agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Attested by _____
Amanda Maxwell, Executive Director